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SUBJECT: VISIT TO WASHINGTON OF CYPRUS PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU

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STORY BY GRAHAM HOVEY ENTITLED "KYPRIANOU PLEADS GREEK
CYPRIOT CASE IN WASHINGTON":

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BEGIN QUOTE SPYROS KYPRIANOU, ,RESIDENT OF CYPRUS, MOVED
BRISKLY THROUGH A STRENUOUS WASHINGTON SCHEDULE TODAY,
PUSHING HARD TO FIX RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CYPRUS STALEMATE
ON TURKEY AND THE TURKISH CYPRIOT LEADERSHIP, AND ALSO TO
PERSUADE THE UNITED STATES TO CONTINUE ITS EMBARGO ON
MILITARY AID TO TURKEY.

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WITH AN ALL-OUT DRIVE BY THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION IN FULL SWING TO WIN CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL FOR REPEAL OF THE ARMS EMBARGO, MR. KYPRIANOU HAD HIS WORK CUT OUT FOR HIM.

EVEN MEMBERS ENTIRELY SYMPATHETIC TO HIS VIEWS SAID THEY DOUBTED THAT HE HAD BEEN ABLE TO CHANGE ANY VOTES ON THE HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE, DESPITE WHAT THEY DESCRIBED AS AN ARTICULATE AND EFFECTIVE PRESENTATION.

SENATORS BRIEFED AT WHITE HOUSE

WHILE THE 45-YEAR-OLD GREEK CYPRIOT LEADER WAS BEFORE THE HOUSE GROUP, A BIPARTISAN DELEGATION FROM TWO IMPORTANT SENATE COMMITTEES WAS EMERGING FROM A WHITE HOUSE BRIEFING, DIRECTED BY PRESIDENT CARTER, WITH PREDICTIONS THAT CONGRESS WOULD LIFT THE EMBARGO.

YET, ON A SCHEDULE THAT ALSO INCLUDED A SESSION WITH THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE AND A CONFERENCE WITH SECRETARY OF STATE CYRUS R. VANCE--BUT NOT THE MEETING HE HAD REQUESTED WITH PRESIDENT CARTER--MR. KYPRIANOU STUCK TO HIS POSITION THAT REPEAL OF THE EMBARGO WOULD ONLY INCREASE TURKEY'S INTRANSIGENCE BOTH ON CYPRUS AND ON ITS PROBLEMS WITH GREECE ABOUT AEGEAN OIL RIGHTS AND AIRSPACE.

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EVERYWHERE, HE CHARACTERIZED THE TURKISH CYPRIOT PROPOSALS FOR A CYPRUS SOLUTION--CALLED "A POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION" LAST MONTH BY THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION--AS "TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE," EVEN AS A BASIS FOR NEGOTIATIONS AND BASED ON THE CONCEPT OF PARTITION OF THE ISLAND.

IN AN INTERVIEW AT HIS HOTEL, BEFORE SETTING OUT ON HIS WASHINGTON ROUNDS, MR. KYPRIANOU SAID THAT AT THE MOMENT, BECAUSE OF "TURKISH INTRANSIGENCE" AND THE UNACCEPTABLE TURKISH CYPRIOT PROPOSALS, "I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THERE ARE ANY CHANCES FOR PROGRESS TOWARD A JUST SOLUTION OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM."

HE SAID THAT PROPOSALS SUBMITTED IN APRIL BY THE TURKISH CYPRIOT LEADER, RAUF DENKTASH, TO SECRETARY GENERAL KURT WALDHEIM OF THE UNITED NATIONS WOULD EFFECTIVELY PARTITION CYPRUS AND "LEGALIZE THE RESULTS OF THE INVASION" OF THE ISLAND BY TURKEY IN 1974.

"I THINK IT WAS VERY WISE OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL NOT TO CONVENE A NEW ROUND OF TALKS IN VIEW OF THOSE PROPOSALS," MR. KYPRIANOU SAID, "BECAUSE THE TALKS WOULD HAVE BEEN

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EITHER MEANINGLESS OR IT WOULD HAVE MEANT THAT WE ACCEPTED
TO NEGOTIATE ON THE BASIS OF PARTITION, SOMETHING WHICH
WE WOULD NEVER DO."

WALDHEIM A MEDIATOR IN CONFLICT

MR. WALDHEIM HAS BEEN ASSIGNED BY THE UNITED NATIONS
SECURITY COUNCIL TO ACT AS A MEDIATOR IN THE CYPRUS DIS-
PUTE AND TO CONVENE TALKS BETWEEN LEADERS OF THE GREEK
AND TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITIES WHEN HE SEES AN OPPORTU-
NITY FOR PROGRESS TOWARD A SOLUTION.

DESPITE HIS ASSAULT ON THE DENKTASH PROPOSALS AND HIS
STAND AGAINST REPEAL OF THE TURKISH ARMS EMBARGO,
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MR. KYPRIANOU WAS ALSO EAGER TO GET SOME ATTENTION IN
WASHINGTON FOR NEW PROPOSALS HE HAD MADE ON THE CYPRUS
PROBLEM RECENTLY AT THE UNITED NATIONS AND ELSEWHERE.

THESE INCLUDED THE SUGGESTION FOR AN INTERNATIONAL CON-
FERENCE UNDER UNITED NATIONS AUSPICES TO DISCUSS WAYS
OF CARRYING OUT TWO UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTIONS THAT,
MR. KYPRIANOU SAID, CONTAINED "ALL THE NECESSARY IN-
GREDIENTS FOR A JUST AND LASTING SOLUTION OF THE CYPRUS
PROBLEM."

THE RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND
THE SECURITY COUNCIL AFTER THE TURKISH INVASION IN 1974.

MR. KYPRIANOU ALSO PROPOSED THAT THE UNITED STATES AND
THE SOVIET UNION SHOULD TAKE UP THE CYPRUS QUESTION TO
TRY TO DETERMINE HOW THEY MIGHT COOPERATE TO CARRY OUT
THE UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTIONS.

BUT THE PROPOSAL THAT MR. KYPRIANOU SAID HAD DRAWN A
"VERY WIDE AND ENCOURAGING RESPONSE" AT THE UNITED NATIONS
WAS ONE FOR THE COMPLETE DEMILITARIZATION AND DISARMING
OF CYPRUS.

"NO TURKISH TROOPS, NO GREEK TROOPS, NO CYPRIOT TROOPS,"
HE SAID, DESCRIBING HIS IDEA. "ONLY A SMALL, MIXED
POLICE FORCE, COMPOSED OF GREEK CYPRIOTS AND TURKISH
CYPRIOTS IN PROPORTION TO THE POPULATION RATIO, UNDER
THE GUIDANCE, THE CONTROL, THE SUPERVISION FOR AS LONG
AS NECESSARY OF AN INTERNATIONAL UNITED NATIONS POLICE
FORCE." END QUOTE VANCE

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